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Greece Timeline

8000 BCE

Mesolithic Period
(8300-7000)

Earliest evidence of burials found in
Franchthi Cave in the Argolid, Greece

7250 BCE

Evidence of food producing economy, simple
hut construction, and seafaring in mainland
Greece and the Aegean

7000 BCE

Neolithic Period
(7000-3000 BCE)

First "Megaron House" at Sesclo, in central
Greece

5700 BCE

Evidence of earliest fortifications at Dimini,
Greece

3400 BCE

Houses of Vasiliki and Myrtos
Messara Tholoi
House of Tiles at Lerna

3000 BCE

**Aegean Bronze Age
or Early Bronze Age**
(3000-2000)

Minoan Prepalatial
or: EMIA, EMIB (3000-2600
BCE)

Early Cycladic Culture
(3200-2000)

Early Helladic Period
(3000-2000)

	2600 BCE	Minoan Prepalatial Period or: EMIIA, EMIIB, MMIII (2600-2000 BCE)
Destruction of Minoan settlements	2000 BCE	Minoan Protopalatial Period or: MMIA, MMIB, MMI IA, MMI IB, MMI IIA, MMI IIB, LMIA Early (1900-1700 BCE) Early Middle Cycladic (2000-1600 BCE) Middle Helladic Period or Middle Bronze Age (2000-1550)
Destruction of Minoan palaces Settlement of Akrotiri, Thera Grave Circle B at Mycenae	1700 BCE	Minoan Neopalatial Period or: LMIA Advanced, LMIA Final, LMIB Early, LMIB Late, LMII (1700-1400)
Eruption of Thera volcano (sometime between 1627 and 1600)	1627 BCE	
Grave Circle A at Mycenae Legends: Argo Voyage, Heracles, Oedipus	1600 BCE	Late Bronze Period or The Heroic Age (1600-1100)
Tholos Tomb at Mycenae	1550 BCE	Late Helladic Period (1500-1100)
Linear B writing (1450-1180)	1450 BCE	

Mycenaean Palaces Evidence of expanded Mycenaean trade at Levand	1400 BCE	Minoan Postpalatial Period or: LMIIIA1, LMIIIA2, LMIIIB, LMIIIC (1400-1100)
Palace of Knossos destruction	1370 BCE	
"Sea Peoples" begin raids in the Eastern Mediterranean	1300 BCE	Mycenaean Culture (1300-1000)
Trojan War (1250 or 1210)	1250 BCE	
Destruction of many Mycenaean palaces Doric Invasions? (1200-1100) Sea Peoples (1200-1100)	1200 BCE	
	1180 BCE	Sub-Mycenaean Period (1180-1050)
Destruction of Miletus and resettlement	1100 BCE	Sub-Minoan Period (1150-950) Dark Age of Greece (1100-700) Proto-Geometric Period (1100-900)
End of Mycenaean civilization Lefkandi: Toumba building	1000 BCE	
	900 BCE	Geometric Period (900-700)
First Olympic Games	776 BCE	

Greek colonies established in Southern Italy & Sicily Invention of Greek alphabet Homeric poems recorded in writing (750-700)	750 BCE	Late Geometric (circa 760-700)
	740 BCE	Orientalizing Period (circa 740-650)
First Messenian War Sparta invades Messenia (730-710) Naxos founded (734) Syracuse founded (733)	730 BCE	
	700 BCE	Archaic Period (700-480)
Earliest Lyric Poets	650 BCE	
Second Messenian War Sparta invades Messenia (640-630) Cyrene founded (630)	640 BCE	
Sappho born in Lesbos	630 BCE	
Thales (625-545) born in Miletos	625 BCE	
Pythagoras (ca. 569-475) born in Samos	569 BCE	
Solon replaces the Draconian law in Athens and lays the foundation for Democracy. He introduced to Athens the first coinage and a system of weights and measures	594 BCE	
Pisistratos becomes tyrant of Athens	546 BCE	

Pesistratos Dies. His sons become tyrants of Athens	527 BCE	
Red-figure pottery developed in Athens	525 BCE	
Alcmaeonid family and Spartans free Athens from tyranny. Introduction of Democracy in Athens	510 BCE	
Kleisthenes begins reforming Athenian code of laws, and establishes a democratic constitution	508 BCE	
Ionian revolt	499 BCE	
Ionian revolt defeated by Persians	494 BCE	
Persian Wars	497-479 BCE	
Battle of Marathon Athenians defeat Darius and his Persian army	490 BCE	
Silver mines discovered near Athens. Athens begin building naval fleet	483 BCE	
Aristides ostracized	482 BCE	
Xerxes marches on Greece Battle of Thermopylae Persians burn the Acropolis Athens and allies defeat Persian fleet at naval battle of Salamis	480 BCE	Classical Period (480-323) Transitional (480-450)
Battle of Plataea Greeks defeat Persian army	479 BCE	

Delian league lead by Athens	477 BCE
Earthquake in Lakonia Helot revolt against Sparta in Messenia	465 BCE
Peloponnesian Wars: "First Peloponnesian War"	461-445
Perikles leads Athens through its "Golden Era" (ca. 460-429)	460 BCE
Aeschylus produces "the Oresteia" trilogy of tragedies (Agamemnon, Libation Barers, Eumenides) in Athens	458 BCE
Delian league treasury moved from Delos to Athens	454 BCE
Sophist Protagoras visits Athens	450 BCE
Acropolis and other major building projects begin in Athens Construction of Parthenon (449-432) Sophocles produces the tragedy "Ajax"	449 BCE
Thirty-year peace treaty signed between Athens and Sparta in winter 446/445	446 BCE
Sophocles produces "Antigone" in Athens 430-429	441 BCE
Peloponnesian War (431-404) resumes Euripedes produces "Medea" in Athens	431 BCE
Plague epidemic in Athens	430 BCE

Death of Perikles	429 BCE
Peace of Nicias	421 BCE
Construction of Temple of Athena Nike (420-410)	420 BCE
Athenians resume hostilities Spartans defeat Athens at Mantinea	418 BCE
Athens razes Melos	416 BCE
Athens expedition to Syracuse Alcibiades defects to Sparta	415 BCE
Syracuse defeats Athens	413 BCE
Aristophanes produces "Lysistrata"	411 BCE
Athens surrenders to Sparta Thirty tyrants rule Athens	404 BCE
Democracy restored in Athens	403 BCE
Trial and execution of Socrates	399 BCE
Plato establishes the Athens Academy	380 BCE
Sparta defeated in Leuctra	371 BCE
Thebes defeats Sparta at Mantinea	362 BCE

Philip II, becomes King of Macedonia	359 BCE
Macedonian army defeats Athens and its allies at Chaeronea League of Corinth founded	338 BCE
Phillip II Assassinated. Alexander the Great becomes king of Macedonia	336 BCE
Aristotle founds the Lyceum in Athens	335 BCE
Alexander the Great defeats Persian army at Granicus river in Anatolia	334 BCE
Alexander the Great defeats Persians at Issus	333 BCE
Tyre capitulates to Alexander after siege	332 BCE
Alexander invades Egypt City of Alexandria founded in Egypt Alexander defeats Persians at Gaugamela	331 BCE
Alexander's army reaches Bactria (Afghanistan)	329 BCE
Alexander marries Roxane (princess of Bactria)	327 BCE
Alexander's army reaches India	326 BCE
Death of Alexander the Great	323 BCE
Aristotle dies	322 BCE

Hellenistic Period
(323-146)

Stoic philosopher Zeno founds school in Athens	310 BCE
Stoic philosopher Epicurus founds school in Athens	307 BCE
Ptolemy I founds museum in Alexandria	300 BCE
Archimedes (287-212) born in Syracuse	287 BCE
Achaean League founded	284 BCE
Invasion of Greece by Gauls	279 BCE
Gauls defeated by king Attalus I	238 BCE
First Macedonian War (214-204) Rome defeats Philip V of Macedon	214 BCE
Second Macedonian War (200-196) Victory of Flamininus at Cynoscephalae	200 BCE
Third Macedonian War (172-168/7) Lucius Aemilius Paulus of Rome defeats Perseus of Macedon at Pydna. Macedonia divided into four republics	172 BCE
Roman Invasion of Greece Mummius Achaicus sacks Corinth and dissolves the Achaean league. Rome rules Greece henceforth	146 BCE
Romans led by Sulla sack Athens	86 BCE

Late Hellenistic or Greco-Roman (146-30)

Battle of Aktion
Octavian (later Augustus) defeats Mark
Antony and Cleopatra

31 BCE

Death of Cleopatra

30 BCE

End of "Ancient Greece"
period

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